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For: REGENERATION OF ARTICULAR CARTILAGE DAMAGED BY  
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**RESPONSE TO NOTICE OF INCOMPLETE REPLY**

Sir:

In response to the Notice of Incomplete Reply mailed June 14, 2002, submitted herewith is the Abstract of the Disclosure for the above referenced application. Please note, the Abstract was included in the specification on page 25, but has now been placed on a separate page.

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§1.135. The fee under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17 should be charged to our Deposit Account No. 15-0700.

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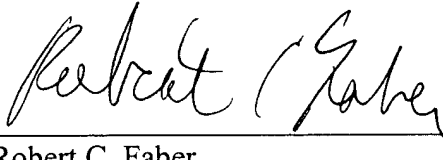


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Respectfully submitted,



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Prior to examination please amend the application as follows.

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## AMENDMENTS

  ✓   If checked, amendments to the specification are submitted herewith.

### 2. Specification:

Please delete the paragraph(s)/section(s) at page 25, after Claim 5, beginning with "SUMMARY". Please add the Abstract attached hereto. Entry is respectfully requested. A version with markings to show the changes made pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.121(b)(iii) is attached hereto as Appendix B.